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## **LETTER**

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Sir:

With regard to a Second Preliminary Amendment filed on April 23, 2002 for the above-identified application, Applicants are uncertain whether page 2 (of 3) of that Second Preliminary Amendment was received by the U.S. Patent Office. Page 2 is captioned "Remarks" and contains the line for the signature of the attorney for Applicants. Accordingly, enclosed is a signed copy of page 2 of that Second Preliminary Amendment. Applicants respectfully request

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consideration of the enclosed page 2 of the Second Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with Applicants' April 23, 2002 submission.

Applicants do not believe a fee is required by this communication. However, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully request early examination based on the merits of the application, as this application was filed on March 15, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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